



As the year progresses, students at ICES continue to find ways to play their part of God's story! This month we are talking about how God has gifted each of us to be servants. During our April theme chapel, Mrs. Julie Kissick, director of Street Alive ministries, spoke about how each of us has been created to serve others. Through stories of her work with those less fortunate, she helped us see that each of us has been called by God to find ways to serve and bless others.

Take some time this month to read the following devotional, and reflect on the points in the 'living it out' section. Together with your family, find ways that you can be servant workers for God.

Teach children that serving is our way of showing Jesus to others

In today's world, the message of salvation is vastly perverted by compromise, hypocrisy, and selfish ambition. If we want to reach people for Christ, we had better be different. In fact, I would argue that one of the most convincing ways to tell people about Jesus is to show them the incredible love He has for them.

Our behavior will be so different than what people are used to that it will draw them in to wonder what is different about us. Jesus taught His disciples this very principle in John...

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

Teach children that serving brings blessing

Now I would caution you to be careful how you word this one. We don't want our kids serving others simply to get something in return. In fact, I don't think God promises that at all. When He said that it is more blessed to give than to receive, I think it was mostly the internal blessing that we get. It's that feeling of doing something good and it feels, well, really good.

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

Teach children that serving is part of every day

If we want service to be part of who we are, it's going to need to be part of our everyday. I used to fret about this desire to take my kids to a soup kitchen, to a nursing home, or even to deliver Meals on Wheels. None of those things are bad, but none are really practical with small kids.

True service really is about doing good to other people as often as you have an opportunity. It's about sharing whatever it is that God has given you in that moment. That might be money, time, advice, food, clothes, or even a hug. I think we make serving others into this grand thing when it's really this simple.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

(Kim Sorgius (<https://www.notconsumed.com/how-to-teach-your-kids-to-be-a-servant/>))

ICES Practicing Servant Working!



Grade one students chose to donate their 'Igloo Project' funds to Streets Alive. Pictured are the nine students who research the work of Streets Alive, along with Mrs. Kissick. Great job, Grade One!

Grade four spent time serving at Rehoboth Christian Ministries, helping clients with their work in the greenhouses. Great job, Grade Four!



Grade three raised money for the Honduras Water Project through The Kings University College. Funds will provide a water pump for a community of over 300! A total of \$450 was raised for this important project. Great job, Grade Three!



Living it Out:

Talk about what it means to be a servant.

Name your special gifts that can be used to serve others.

As a family, choose a servant working activity to bless others.

